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**NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO
SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b)**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office that it is no longer entitled to status as a small entity.

Dated: August 3, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPLICANTS' COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants agree in part with the Examiner's statement for allowance in that the prior art of record fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed invention.

Applicants take issue with the characterization of the prior art in the statement of reasons for allowance with respect to claims 21, 27 and 28 to the extent it attempts to show the presence in the prior art of any aspect of the claimed subject matter.

Applicants further note that the statement fails to address all of the distinctions of the claimed invention over the prior art cited. Although applicants agree that the limitations cited with respect to claims 21, 27 and 28 are not disclosed in or taught by the cited prior art, applicants believe that many other limitations (individually and in combination) are novel and unobvious in and of themselves,

thereby providing additional reasons for allowance of each claim (including dependent claims).

Applicants respectfully submit that the scope of the claimed invention should not be limited by the Examiner's statement, but limited only by the actual language of the allowed claims.

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